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Congratulations to MMR #67, Bill Kennerley, Walnut Creek, who is well-known as the author of "Notes From A Time Book," which for many years has been enjoyed by readers of the NMRA **BULLETIN.**

Bill was born in San Francisco in 1923 and says he will be "53 when this is published." He is fortunate in having a wife, Emmy, who is also a railroad buff and loves to ride in cabooses and engines. The Kennerleys have a son, Jim, 24, and daughter, Donna, 22.

Our newest MMR first became interested in Lionel at the age of four. He built two Walthers O-gauge passenger cars while in high school, expecting them to work with Lionel. During college years he interrupted his railroading in favor of sports, but began serious modeling in 1946. He had an O-gauge layout for 20 years, but tore this down recently and now he is building a 22'x35' O-gauge layout with the help of the Santa Clara O-gaugers. (See the May, 1972, "Model Railroader" layout article by John Armstrong, pages 42-47.)

Bill's main interests in railroading are the big SP steam engines, the passenger trains with heavyweight cars of the 40s, and streamliners of the early 50s. Twelve SP steam engines, five diesel units, 150 freight cars and 32 passenger cars travel his tracks. Engines are all numbered for the ones he fired or hostled on SP. Bill had begun teaching and coaching football and other sports in 1948, but took time out to be a fireman on SP from 1955 to 1964. Now he teaches fifth grade during the regular school year and undertakes driver training in the summer. He likes to ride trains, and has had 25 train trips across the U.S. and Canada, and has ridden on 107 different railroads.

The following awards are held by Bill: Master Builder—cars; Master Builder—motive power; Master Builder—structures; Author; Volunteer; Chief Dispatcher and Engineer—civil.